

Birth Centenary Year of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

3343. **SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK**: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Birth Centenary Year of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was declared as "Year of Social Justice" by the Government;

(b) if so, the major projects and programmes planned by the Government to achieve social justice and the amount sanctioned for the same;

(c) the details of the projects and programmes completed/pending.

(d) whether the Government propose to extend the observance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Birth Centenary to the year 1992 also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Several development programmes and schemes are under implementation from the Special Component Plan. Special Central assistance has also been sanctioned.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A provision of Rs. 10 crores under Plan Head and Rs. 61 lakhs under Non-Plan Head has been proposed in the Budget Estimates of 1991-92 for Dr. Ambedkar Centenary Celebration Programmes.

Following programmes/special schemes have been proposed during the year 1991-92 ;

- (i) Establishment of Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Social development including Museum and Library.

- (ii) Institution of Dr. Ambedkar Prize.

- (iii) Publication of complete works and speeches of Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar in Hindi and regional languages.

- (iv) Grant of Rs. 50 lakhs for Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar Bio-medical Research Centre.

- (v) Institution of Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Universities.

- (vi) Erection of Baba Saheb's Memorials and Statues at places connected with his life and mission.

- (vii) Production of a full-length feature film on Dr. Ambedkar.

- (viii) Financial assistance of Rs. 20 lakhs to Buddha Vihar Prabandh Samiti, Agra, for construction of Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Centre.

- (ix) To organise Dr. Ambedkar Cultural Festival in the month of October, 1991.

- (x) To organise Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lectures in the month of December, 1991.

- (xi) To organise Children Painting Competition in the month of November, 1991.

- (xii) To organise Kavi Sammelan and Mushaira on Dr. Ambedkar in the month of November, 1991.

- (xiii) Debate Competition from September, 1991—February, 1992.

- (xiv) Essay Competition during the month of November, 1991.

(xv) Mounting of a Tableau on Dr. Ambedkar in Republic Day Parade, 1992.

(xvi) Exhibition-cum-Mela on Dr. Ambedkar during the month of January, 1992.

(xvii) Function on 36th "Mahaparinirvan Diwas" on 6th December, 1991.

[Translation]

Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations

3314. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the MINISTER OF WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to develop the thickly populated villages of Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh and to rename these villages as 'Ambedkar Gram' under Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations;

(b) if so, the number of villages of scheduled castes developed so far in Uttar Pradesh and the number of villages proposed to be developed in future ; and

(c) the amount spent on the development and the amount likely to be spent thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) According to the Action Plan for the Centenary Celebrations of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the Uttar Pradesh Government proposed to select 10,000 villages having concentration of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes population, for overall development and name them 'Ambedkar Gram'.

(b) and (c) Details from the Uttar Pradesh Government have not been received.

[English]

Cement Factory in Himachal Pradesh

3315. SHRI BHAWANI SHANKAR RAWAT :

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN :

SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that a cement factory is proposed to be set up in the area of bird sanctuary in the Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to protect the Bird sanctuary ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Financial Assistance to Agra University

3316. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some proposals pertaining to Agra University and its affiliated colleges seeking financial assistance are under consideration of the University Grants Commission for the last three years and if so, the details thereof;